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PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE: CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE COMMITTEE

DATE AND TIME: Wednesday May 24, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Buena Vista Conference Center, Buck Library, First Floor,

661 S. DuPont Highway, New Castle, Delaware 19720

APPROVED: July 19, 2017

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Art Jankowski, VMD, Veterinary Representative Jo Ann M. Baker, DNP, RN, FNP-C, Nursing Representative Herb E. Von Goerres, R.Ph., Pharmacy Representative Alex Zarow, R.Ph., Pharmacy Representative Mark Hanna, Public Representative

# **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Michael Kremer, DMD, Dental Representative, President Philip Kim, M.D., Medical Representative Stephen Ruggles, PA-C, PA Representative

# **DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL**

David Mangler, Director, Division of Professional Regulation Eileen Kelly, Deputy Attorney General Christine Mast, Administrative Specialist III Samantha Nettesheim, Pharmacist Administrator Michelle McCreary, Pharmacist Compliance Officer

# **ALSO PRESENT**

Jeanne Chiquoine Rebecca Walker Debra Hamilton

# **CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Von Goerres called the meeting to order at 9:07 am.

#### **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Ms. Baker, seconded by Mr. Hanna, to approve the minutes for March 22, 2017. The motion unanimously carried.

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

No Report

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Ms. Kelly provided the committee a legislative update on the following; Senate Bill 44 PMP Registration required for all holders of CSR Permit and the addition of NPI# to PMP, Senate Bill 45 (PINK), Senate Bill 48 (Naloxone).

# NEW BUSINESS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

None

#### **Case/Diversion Review**

None

# **Current Events**

None

#### **PMP** Review

Brandeis University, Prescription Behavior Surveillance System, Ms. Nettesheim had no update.

Dover Woman Convicted of violating Prescription Monitoring Act – Ms. Nettesheim reported that this is the first conviction of inappropriate use of the prescription monitoring program.

Prescription Monitoring Program Delegates Unlicensed vs. Licensed – Ms. Nettesheim stated that in the system there is no distinction between an authorized delegate and a licensed practitioner.

2012 Over Dose Death PMP Data – Ms. Nettesheim had no report.

# Review of Proposed Legislative/Regulatory Changes

None

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

# Medical Examiner's Report

Ms. Rebecca Walker, Chief Operations Officer, Division of Forensic Science, introduced herself to the committee. She requested the committee provide her a listing of topics the committee would like her to provide report on. Ms. Walker stated that the website helpisherede.com provides the public information on deaths related to drugs in Delaware as well as treatment options and many other resources.

**DEA Report** 

No report

Substance Abuse Report

No Report

Law Enforcement Report

No Report

Regulatory Committee Report

No Report

Legislative Committee Report

No Report

# **INSPECTION REPORT**

Ms. McCreary reported she has completed the following inspections with the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), Narcotics Treatment Facility, Group Home, and a Veterinary Complaint of Diversion. She also stated she attended the national drug take back event in Newcastle County.

# Continuing Education Review

Aniqua Alam M.D. – the committee reviewed the certificates submitted. The committee determined the certificates did not provide specific information to determine the content of the course. They are requesting that a syllabus of the course be provided for review. A motion was made by Dr. Jankowski and seconded by Mr. Ruggles to approve contingent upon receiving a copy of the syllabus of the course provided the requirements are met.

A motion was made by Dr. Art Jankowski and seconded by Mr. Mark Hanna to allow the Division of Professional Regulation review curriculum, certificates and information supplied for continuing

education to determine eligibility of the course(s). If the Division staff cannot clearly make that determination the committee will review and make a ruling. The motion carried unanimously.

Timothy Dabkowski – DVM - the committee reviewed the certificates submitted and approved the continuing education. Dr. Jankowski abstained from review.

Dr. Jankowski expressed that there is some difficulty for veterinarian's to complete the continuing education courses based on continuing education requirements for the veterinarian license. He asked how many states have controlled substance continuing education requirements. Mr. Mangler stated that currently there are 17 states that require continuing education for controlled substances and the prescription monitoring program. Ms. Kelly stated that any continuing education received that covers the required topics can be used. Diversion in the veterinary community is on the rise. There are several documented instances of pet owners using their pets to acquire narcotic prescription drugs. Several reports have indicated that pets have been harmed to gain access to opioid pain medications through veterinary practice. So any continuing education that includes topics of diversion prevention of controlled substances could also be used in this setting.

# **COMMITTEE CORRESPONDENCE**

Dr. Robert Varipapa Letter addressed to Ms. Nettesheim – Mr. Von Goerres read the letter into the record. Dr. Varipapa's letter is requesting that the functionality of the PMP doesn't summarize various types of medications. It also doesn't provide a beneficial report easily used by the practitioner. Ms. Nettesheim stated that there are reports available. Once the PMP has been transferred to the new vendor Appriss more beneficial reporting and report card type of information will be readily available to the practitioners. This transition should occur sometime in August or September.

# OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

Ms. Nettesheim notified the committee of her resignation. She thanked the committee for allowing her to be of service to them and the Division of Professional Regulation.

Ms. McCreary stated that she could provide the Veterinary practitioners with continuing education opportunities during their annual convention. This would provide the practitioners the opportunity to receive continuing education in the required areas to keep their registrations current. Dr. Jankowski sated he would inform the DVMA to reach out to Ms. McCreary for more information.

Mr. Von Goerres thanked Ms. Nettesheim for her service and implementation of the prescription monitoring program. Her support of the pharmacists throughout the state was noticed. Mr. Mangler also thanked Ms. Nettesheim for the success of the PMP. The PMP would not have launched so effectively without her dedication to that project.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Chiquoine asked if the PMP advisory committee (HB91) if there will be public meetings held. Mr. Mangler stated there would not be public meetings due to the requirements of protected health information. Ms. Chiquoine stated that as the PMP continues to evolve we need to ensure that cancer patients are protected from difficulty receiving medication due to unintended consequences resulting from the review of data from the PMP.

# **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

The next regular meeting will be held on July 19, 2017 at 9:00 am at the Buena Vista Conference Center, Buck Library.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Dr. Jankowski, seconded by Mr. Hanna, to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 am. The motion carried.

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Respectfully submitted,

**Christine Mast** 

Administrative Specialist III

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